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Bill No. SB 351

## **YELLOWSTONE BOYS & GIRLS RANCH**

**Senate Public Health & Human Service Committee Members**

**Re: SB 351**

**February 18, 2011**

Please accept my apologies for not being present for this hearing. Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch is in strong support of SB 351.

This bill provides extremely important oversight for any Medicaid managed care contracts. Montana has had experiences with managed care before that did not result with the intent of better services for consumers and less cost.

This bill sets up an advisory council to review RFP's and contracts. This council will hold public hearings to educate and inform recipients of care, health care providers, families and advocates, accept public comment and submit reports to appropriate legislative committees, the legislative auditor's office and department.

The bill requires public notice, legislative presentation and public comment and independent analysis to verify vendor ability to comply with intended goals.

All of these items are vital to ensure that the State of Montana, consumers and providers are protected as future managed care ventures are pursued.

Please support SB 351.

Thank You.

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